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Commissioner

February 10, 2014

Paul Reyes

Re: **Notice of Summary Suspension:
EMT - Paramedic Certification # 3329
Investigation Control # 2014-0058**

Dear Mr. Reyes:

The New Jersey Department of Health (the Department) is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7, et seq., which governs the provision of advanced life support services within the State of New Jersey. This law establishes a scheme that permits a health care provider, once approved, to develop and maintain a mobile intensive care unit program and to provide advanced life support services utilizing licensed physicians, registered nurses trained in advanced life support and certified emergency medical technician-basics and paramedics. In furtherance of this statutory scheme, the Department of Health has adopted regulations that govern the administration and operation of these mobile intensive care unit programs. See N.J.A.C. 8:41-1.1, et seq.

The Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received notification that you were charged with endangering the welfare of a minor on January 16, 2014. Consistent with regulatory authority and OEMS policy, the OEMS opened an investigation in response to this notification.

Office of Emergency Medical Services investigator confirmed that you were indeed arrested on January 16, 2014 and charged with the following under complaint number S2014-000057:

1. Endangering the welfare of a minor through distribution of child pornography in the first degree which is in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4B(5)(A).

N.J.A.C. 8:41A-5.2(a) states:

The Commissioner, or his or her designee, may summarily suspend a person's EMT-Paramedic certification when, in his or her opinion, the continued certification of that person poses an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

Because of the seriousness of the crimes with which you have been charged, the Department finds that your continued certification as an EMT-Paramedic constitutes an immediate

and serious threat to public health, safety, and welfare. **Therefore, your certification as an EMT-Paramedic is immediately suspended and shall remain suspended indefinitely. You may not, under any circumstances, act in the capacity of or perform the duties of either an EMT-Paramedic or an EMT in New Jersey during this period of suspension.**

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:41A-4.1(f)2, certification cards are the property of the Department and shall be immediately surrendered upon demand. You are hereby directed to immediately surrender your EMT-Paramedic certification card(s) to the OEMS, either by sending via United States Postal Service First Class Mail, to the address on the first page of this Notice, or via by physical delivery to Department of Health, OEMS, John Fitch Way, Market and Warren Streets, Trenton, NJ, 08611.

In the interim, the OEMS will continue to investigate this matter. You will be notified when the OEMS has completed its investigation, at which time you will be advised of what action(s), if any, will be taken with respect to your EMT-Paramedic certification.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:41A-5.2(a), you have the right to apply to the Commissioner of the Department Health for emergency relief to contest this summary suspension. A request for emergency relief shall be submitted in writing and shall be accompanied by a response to the charges contained in this Notice. Please include the control number **2014-0058** on your correspondence, and forward your request to:

New Jersey Department of Health
Office of Legal & Regulatory Compliance
P.O. Box 360, Room 805
Trenton, NJ 08625-0360
Attn: Ms. Tami Roach

Failure to submit a written request for emergency relief within 30 days from the date of this Notice shall be interpreted as an acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your EMT-Paramedic certification pending completion of an investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Donald Roberts, at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,

Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, M.A.S.
Acting Director
Emergency Medical Services

- c. Christopher R. Rinn, Assistant Commissioner
Donald Roberts, OEMS
James Sweeney, OEMS
Tami Roach, OL&RC

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